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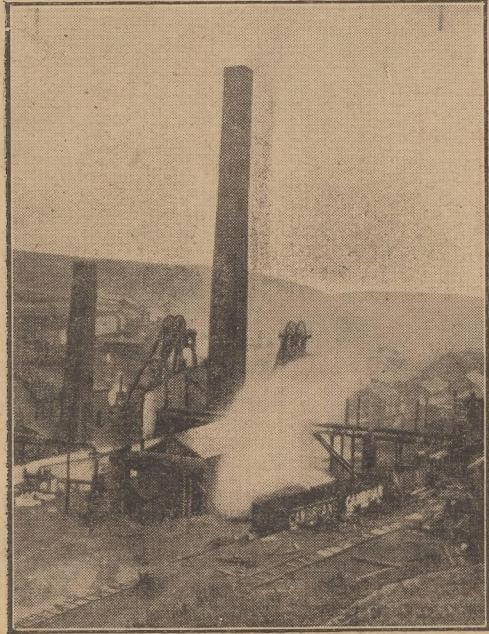
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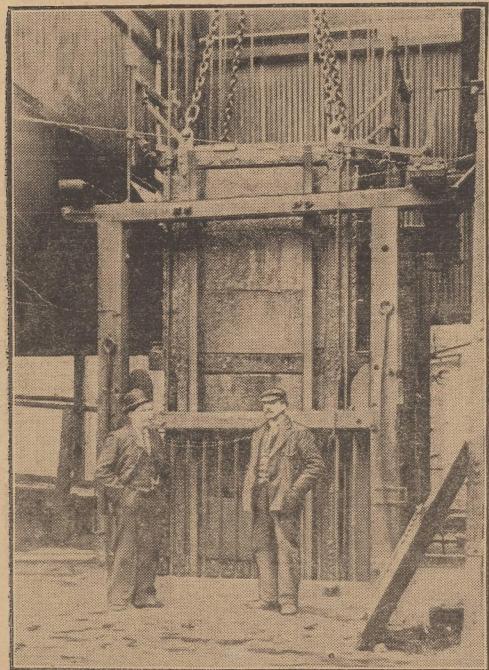
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1905.

One Halfpenny.

## WELSH COLLIERY DISASTER.

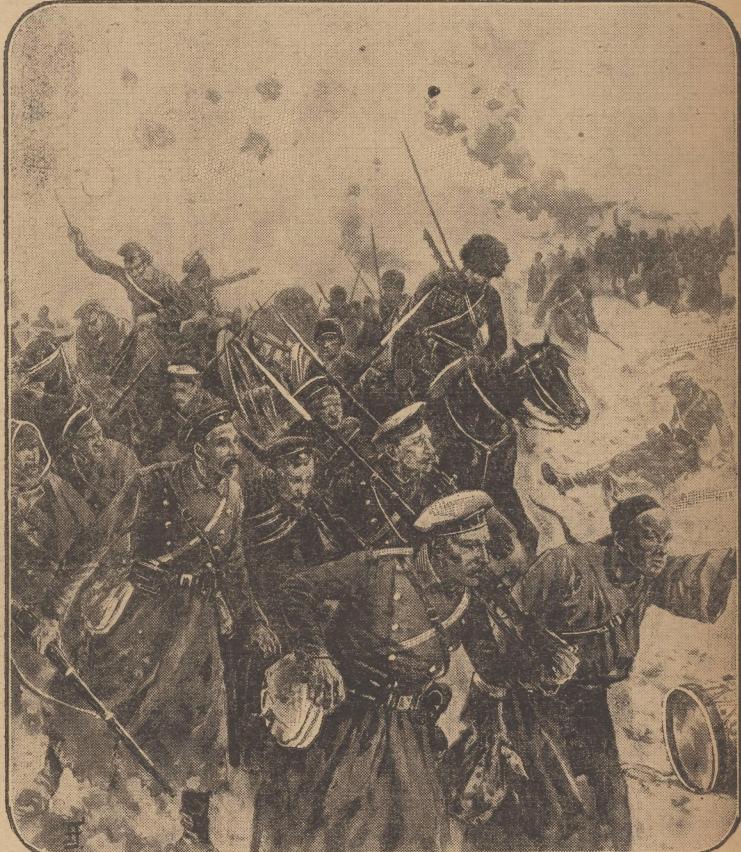


This photograph of the Cambrian Collieries, in Clydach Vale, shows the mouth of the pit in which the explosion occurred, with the smoke and steam still issuing from it.



Mouth of the shaft beneath which the explosion occurred. The man on the right is Edward Lamb, the banksman, who gave the first news of the disaster.—(Photographs copyright by the *Daily Mirror*.)

## RUSSIAN SOLDIERS IN FULL RETREAT.



Through the snow covered hills of Manchuria scores of such bodies of Russian troops are striving to escape from their victorious foes.

## GROUP OF MEN RESCUED FROM THE BURNING PIT.



These men were down in the pit when the explosion occurred, and were only rescued with much difficulty, the blazing timbers collapsing a few minutes after they were sent up from the working.—(*Daily Mirror* copyright.)

## BIRTHS.

ARCHER.—On the 11th inst. at Langdale, Rutland Park, Northgate, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Archer, parents of Mr. HILLARD.—On March 11, at 30 Wilton-place, Belgrave-square, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hillard, a son.

## MARRIAGES.

NEIL ATKINSON.—On March 7, at St. Stephen's church, Southwark, by Rev. Mr. Howell Fulton, M.A., assisted by Rev. Mr. McCullagh, M.A., rector of the parish, Ernest B. Nelson, barrister-at-law, Inner Temple, and Oxford and Cambridge Club, to Anna Lydia Atkinson, daughter of the late S. Fulton, of Belfast.

## DEATHS.

HERBERT HARVEY.—B. D. Lomond, Secretary to Messrs. Gips Mills, Currie, and Co., aged 66, died suddenly. Funeral at St. Michael's, Highgate, to-day, at 11 a.m. HEYGATE.—On March 11, at Eton, Christopher Evelyn George Heygate, 11 years, second son of Arthur and Frances Heygate, of Eton College.

NALDER.—On March 10, at 94, St. George's-square, S.W., Fielding Nader, Barrister-at-law, aged 86. No. flowers, by special request.

## PERSONAL.

CANDIDA.—Prince Charming still true. Waiting patiently. INTERCEPTED. Letters, and rival arranged Loathe. End of the SCARLET LETTER.

TO ARTISTS.—Humorous drawings wanted for popular humorous papers. Send specimens, drawings with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. Alfred Pock, 6, Grosvenor Gardens, West-borough, London, E.C.

MISSING.—Should this reach the eye of anyone who wishes to reach a friend or relative, who has disappeared abroad, in the Colonies, or in the United States, it is a service to the public to do so. Many a letter which reaches every town in the whole world, where any English-speaking person is to be found, requires copy and postage, and is sent gratis. Advertising Department, Over-Seas Daily Mail, 3, Carmelite House, Temple, London, E.C.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION.—THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Governors of this Institution will be held at the ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, WHITEHALL, TONIGHT (Wednesday, March 15) at 3 o'clock precisely. The Right Hon. the SCANDINAVIAN, P.C., O.B.E., Lord Privy Seal, in the Chair.—CHARLES DIBBIN, Secretary, 20, Charing Cross-road, London.

## THEATRES AND MUSIC-HALLS.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—Mr. TREE, TO-NIGHT and EVERY EVENING at 8.15, (last 2 weeks). BENEDICT.—Mr. TREE, Beatrix.—Miss WINIFRED EMERY. (Baritone).—Mr. HARRISON. MATTINEES EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, 2.15.

IMPERIAL.—MR. LEWIS WALLER, TO-NIGHT and EVERY EVENING at 8.15, KING HENRY THE FIFTH. MATTINEES EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, 2.15.

SAVOY.—DU BARRI. Solo Lessee, Mr. J. H. Leigh. Under the Management of MR. GILBERT HARRIS and MRS. BROWN-POTTER. SATURDAY NIGHT, March 13, at 8.15, Every Evening, Christopher St. John's Adaptation of DU BARRI. By JOHN MELDRUM.

MAT. THURS., 23, and EVERY THURS. Box Office now open. Telephone 2602, Gerard. ST. JAMES'S.—MOLLERTRANCE ON WOMEN, By Alfred Sutro. EVERY EVENING at 9 sharp. 8.15. A MAKER.—Mr. Alfred Sutro. MATTINEES.—EVERY SATURDAY, 2.15. ST. JAMES'S.—Solo Lessee and Manager, Mr. Geo. Alexander.

MR. ROBERT ARTHUR'S LONDON THEATRES, KENNINGTON THEATRE.—Tel. 1,006 Hop. TONIGHT.—7.45. MATTINEE.—TUESDAY at 2.30. Mr. Geo. Musgrave's Co. in the American Musical Comedy, THE PRINCE OF PILSEN.

CORONET THEATRE.—Tel. 2,273. KENS. Mr. F. R. BENSON'S SEASON. LAST WEEK, NIGHTLY at 8.15, HAMLET and RICHARD III. TO-NIGHT, HAMLET. Wed. Mat. KING LEAR. Wed. EVEN. THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. Thurs. HAMLET. Fri. RICHARD III. Sat. Mat. HAMLET. Sat. EVEN. KING LEAR.

CAMDEN THEATRE.—Tel. 323. K.C. TO-NIGHT at 8. MATTINEE SAT. at 2.30. CHARLEY'S AUNT. The Comedy Theatre Co., including the new production of THE CANDID.

CROWN THEATRE, Peckham.—Tel. 412 Hop. TO-NIGHT at 7.45. MATINEE WED. at 2.15. A COUNTRY GIRL, from Daly's Theatre. Mr. Geo. Dance's Principal Co.

FULHAM THEATRE.—Tel. 376. KENS. TONIGHT and MATTINEE WED. at 2.30. MINNIE PALMER. The original MY SWEETHEART. Half West End Price at all Theatres.

THE COLISEUM, Charing Cross. FOUR PERFORMANCES DAILY at 12 noon, 5 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock. TWO ALTERNATE PERFORMANCES. All in all, all parts are numbered and reserved. Stamped addressed envelope should accompany all postal applications for seats.

TELEGRAMS: Coliseum, London. Nos. 7659 German for Boxes 22, and 61 1a, 4a, 5a, and 2a seats, and 7659 Gerard for 1c, and 6d. seats. Children under 12 half-price to all seats.

THE LYCEUM.—TWICE NIGHTLY, at 6.30 and 8.30. WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.—80. HIGH-CLASS VARIETIES. Popular prices. Ed. to 12 guineas. Children half-price. Managing Director, THOMAS BARRASFORD.

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CRYSTAL PALACE.—TO-DAY. Mr. Wm. Weaver's FROM CONCERT. At 6.30 (Free). Roller Skating on Great Skating Rink. Phyllis Bett. Asphalt Rink. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gee. AND NUMEROUS OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS, "HENGLER'S," OXFORD-CIRCUS, W. The Smallest Elephant in the World (only 35 inches high and over 200 Acting and Performing Animals. Daily, at 3 and 8. Prices 2s. to 2s. Children half-price. Box Office 10 to 10. Tel. 4138.

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## SITUATIONS WANTED.

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GENERAL, disengaged (19). 18 months' reference.—, Esher-nd, New Ferry, Cheshire.

## SITUATIONS VACANT.

A GENUINE HOME EMPLOYMENT.—Tinting small prints; experience unnecessary.—Stamped envelope (20), 17, Ranchal-nd, Fulham.

AGENTS wanted.—M.I.P. Eraser, erases ink in two weeks.—Address Eraser, C. A. Deller, Doncaster.

CLERKS send postcard to-day for an interesting Free Lesson in Sloane-Dupuyan Shorthand, the easy system; in twelve evenings, London Commercial College, (Department of the High, Holloway, London, N. C.)

PROFITABLE Employment; whole space time; either 50/- lady canvassers, tea and industrial life agents, earn large incomes; goods readily saleable.—Sep., Pilgrim-nd, Liverpool.

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## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

NATHANIEL BERRY'S iron frame, overstring Piano; latest improvements; check action; full compass; warrented for 20 years; price 18 guineas cash, or at 10s. per month, with post office banked free trial post, first-class.—14, City-rd, E.C.

PIANO; handsome walnut case; condition equal to new.—H. G. 37, Elgin-avenue, Maida Vale, W.

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## RUSSIANS' MAD RACE FOR SAFETY

Japanese Hot in Pursuit of the Flying Foe.

## HOPELESS DISORDER

Kuropatkin To Throw Up the Supreme Command.

## MORE CAPTURES.

The scattered remnants of Russia's great army, which is fighting desperately in the mountains, will be overtaken by a disaster which will lead to the total annihilation of the Russian forces in Manchuria.—Central News.

## LOST THEIR NERVE.

How the Demoralised Russians Were Thrown Into Inextricable Confusion.

ST. PETERSBURG, Monday.—Telegrams from correspondents with the Russian headquarters describe the demoralised and disorganised state of the Russian forces after the evacuation of Mukden.

The sudden change of front threw the troops into inextricable confusion, separating battalions from regiments, regiments from divisions, and divisions from army corps.

The Russian soldiers were dead beat, and had lost their nerve after twelve days of uninterrupted fighting.

Other telegrams say that there was a blinding dust storm so dense that the Japanese were invisible at a distance of one hundred paces. During their flight across fields and through villages the Russian infantry were often received with an unexpected fire almost point blank.

As may be imagined the Russian artillery was useless, and merely encumbered the retreat.

The extent of the disaster is as evident in the Russian telegrams as in the Japanese.—Reuter.

## MORE CAPTURES.

Large Quantities of Stores and Ammunition Fall Into the Hands of the Victors.

General Oyama is still unable to give the Russian losses in the Singking district. There were excluded from his statement yesterday that 26,500 Russian corps had been found, that there were 40,000 prisoners and 90,000 casualties.

A legation message received last night it is stated that, although the total losses in the Singking district have not been ascertained, over 800 Russian corps have already been found, and prisoners state that the 71st Division was almost annihilated. Large quantities of fodder, ammunition, and war materials fell into Japanese hands.

General Kuropatkin yesterday reported, says the Exchange Telegraph Company, that two Russian regiments were practically wiped out. Of one regiment only three officers and 150 men remain while two officers and 619 men alone represent another. The Russian wounded total 50,000 men, and the retreat of the convoy is being carried on under extraordinary difficulties.

## TRAINS DERAILED.

Starving Russian Soldiers Wreck the Railway and Pillage Stores.

Several terrible features of the fighting are mentioned by the "Petit Parisien's" correspondent in St. Petersburg.

He admits that in spite of superhuman efforts the battle of Mukden has ended in a lamentable defeat for Russia.

Many trains conveying munitions and supplies northward from Mukden were derailed and pillaged by the starving soldiery.

The labour of the medical staff was so enormous that three of the surgeons collapsed from fatigue.

The fate of the First and Fourth Siberian Army Corps is unknown. They were separated from the main body, and are probably now in the hands of the Japanese.

It is asserted that the Chinese General Ma, with 30,000 troops, is approaching Mukden, under the pretext of protecting the Imperial Tombs.

## RUSSIAN IGNORANCE AGAIN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Monday.—In an account of the Russian retreat received from a Russian correspondent, the principal cause of the Russian defeat, which has cost the two opposing armies at least 200,000 men, is said to be the Russian ignorance of the Japanese positions and numbers, the latter vastly exceeding the Russian calculations.—Reuter.

## PURSUERS APPROACHING TIELING.

ST. PETERSBURG, Monday.—A dispatch from Tieling dated this morning states that the Russians are nearing the Tieling positions, and that the Japanese are moving north of Mukden in detachments.—Reuter.

## IS PEACE NEAR?

Although Russian official circles scoff at the idea of peace, the general opinion that it is now approaching is reflected in the transactions at Lloyd's. Peace policies, which were negotiated at thirty guineas per cent. a week ago, have now risen to sixty-five guineas, the date of termination being May 31, 1905.

It is believed that the change of the rate is largely due to the fact that the agents for a number of Japanese firms are buying up ships, in anticipation of the war ending.

## KUROPATKIN'S NARROW ESCAPES.

PARIS, Monday.—Private telegrams, says the "Petit Parisien's" correspondent in St. Petersburg, state that there was a terrible massacre of Russians the night of Friday-Saturday. General Kuropatkin three times narrowly escaped being taken prisoner. It is feared that the Third

## MAJORITY 21.

Guerilla Tactics Imperil the Safety of the Government.

## DIARY OF AN M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Monday Night.—The guerrilla warfare of the Opposition, which has now become quite a feature of the present session, was in full play this afternoon.

Counting upon the fact that many members go away on Friday till late on Monday afternoon, the Opposition had arranged a nice little plan of campaign, whereby the Government were to be placed in a minority on a motion which they could not very well have ignored.

The Navy Estimates were down for consideration, and an idea struck the Liberal Whips that it would be a good thing to move to report progress, on the ground that a certain report which had been promised by the Government relating to naval matters had not yet been issued.

Mr. Robertson did his work fairly well. He was brief and to the point, just saying sufficient to give his motion an air of importance, and then resuming his seat.

Captain Pretyman, Lord George Hamilton, and one or two others resisted the proposal, and this kept the debate going for the best part of half an hour.

Acting on their instructions, not a single member of the Opposition rose to take part in the debate, with the result that the division took place a little before half-past three.

The majority of 21 which the Government had in the Lobby naturally created the utmost enthusiasm on the Opposition benches, although I understand that they expected a much more satisfactory result from their point of view.

## LIBERAL SLACKNESS.

It would have been even better had the "whipping" of the Opposition been a little better done, because three members of their party—Mr. Asquith, Mr. Haldane, and Mr. Alexander ure—were in the House of Lords, but were not informed that a division was in progress.

Their votes would, of course, have reduced the Government majority to 18, a sufficiently formidable fact for Mr. Balfour to take a note of.

The display this afternoon clearly shows that it is the deliberate policy of the Opposition to take "snap" divisions on every available opportunity, and unless Government supporters are constant in their attendance there is little doubt that one of these fine days the Government majority will suddenly and entirely disappear.

In the Lobby there has naturally been a good deal of talk about the new Ministerial appointments announced to-day.

Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes's promotion to the Board of Agriculture is exceedingly popular, but the same cannot very well be said of the transfer of the Marquis of Salisbury to the Presidency of the Board of Trade.

The motion for the adjournment of the House which was made by Mr. Soames to call attention to the fact that the new President of the Board of Trade is in the House of Lords, was supported with the sanction of the Front Opposition Bench, who are naturally not very anxious to tie their hands on a question of this kind, in view of the probability of their early assumption to office, when similar difficulties to those which have troubled Mr. Balfour lately, will doubtless present themselves.

## ANOTHER VACANCY.

Speculation is rife as to Mr. Balfour's choice for the lordship of the Treasury, rendered vacant by Mr. Fellowes's promotion.

Of course, should any outsider be appointed, it would mean a by-election, and there is some talk to-night of Lord Valentia being placed second in command to Sir Alexander Acland Hood, and his present post as Vice-Chamberlain being given to a peer.

The answers given by Mr. Balfour this afternoon with regard to Sir Antony Macdonnell's appointment leave little doubt that one of the conditions of Mr. Walter Long's acceptance of the office of Chief Secretary of Ireland was that he has power to dismiss Sir Antony Macdonnell should he so desire.

It seems likely, therefore, that we are by no means at the end of this business, and it is probable that within the next few days it will be again the subject of an important debate in the House of Commons.

In view of Mr. Arnold-Forster's serious condition of health, members are wondering how it will be possible for him to adequately defend the new Army Estimates which have to-day been issued.

## AGREED TO ACCEPT £65,000.

Mr. Balfour has informed Sir H. Seymour King, M.P., that the Government has accepted £65,000 in full satisfaction of the demands arising out of the North Sea incident.

With regard to the suggestion that the Government should make up the difference between the amount claimed and the amount awarded, Mr. Balfour says that to take such a course would be in effect to admit that the claims made were equitable and that they have been inequitably reduced by the Commissioners.

6.30.

To-night's Complete Evening Newspaper.

"EVENING NEWS" ON WHITE PAPER.

The Old "Evening Standard" Features for 4d.

Readers who for many years enjoyed the completeness, as regards the day's news, of the old "Evening Standard," and who saw with regret the changes manifest in that journal yesterday, will find in to-night's 6.30 p.m. "Evening News" a journal that will, we believe, prove to be entirely to their satisfaction. The editions of the "Evening News" to-day will be as follows:

NOON EDITION	Green paper
EXTRA SPECIAL	Pink paper
SECOND EXTRA	Pink paper
FIVE O'CLOCK	Pink paper
6.30 P.M.	White paper

It will be found that the "Evening News," which can be purchased for a halfpenny, contains all that has hitherto been supplied by the old "Evening Standard" for one penny, plus many interesting features.

TO-NIGHT'S "EVENING NEWS" WILL CONTAIN:

Complete law reports of the day.

The day's Parliamentary news.

Full Stock Exchange prices.

To-morrow's Cause List.

Special and general war and other cables.

The latest fashionable intelligence.

The day's sporting news.

The 6.30 Edition will be printed on white paper, and we would invite comparison this evening between the "Evening News" published at 4d. and the "Evening Standard" at 1d., especially as regards telegraphic and cable news.

The "Evening News," by arrangement with the "Daily Mail," has the use of the whole of the news services of that journal during the daytime.

## POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS.

The "Evening News" white edition will be most suitable for remote country districts for delivery by first post in the morning. It will contain all the latest news of the day.

Quarterly subscription, 6s. 6d., postage included. Address: Manager, "Evening News," Carmelite House, London, E.C.

## "MIKADO" IN PARIS.

Confers Decorations and Distributes Largesse in Bank-notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARIS, Monday.—"I am the Emperor of Japan. I have come to collect reinforcements for my army. Will you be a general?"

Saying, a distinguished-looking old gentleman offered an astonished official at the Prefecture of Police yesterday a bank-note. He had been found seated at a table counting out little piles of money.

When before the magistrate, "the emperor," in reality a poor Dutchman named Las Miaz, defected all the inspectors and asked M. Briy to be a marshal of the Empire. The ungrateful officer took his Imperial Majesty to the infirmary.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Mr. Chamberlain is suffering from a cold.

Mr. Young, of the Udagabe estate, in Ceylon, has been killed by lightning.

Six persons were drowned when a yacht founded on the reefs of Marseilles on Sunday.

At Glasgow yesterday a woman was sentenced to thirty days for stealing a parson's bag, containing his sermons, on St. Enoch's Station.

Speaking on the text, "Be ye doers" at a Washington church, President Roosevelt urged that immigrants must be uplifted, adding "either they rise or we fall."

## MORE TO PAY FOR OUR LITTLE ARMY.

Estimates for 1905-6 Show Increase of Nearly a Million.

## CONTRAST WITH NAVY.

Your Army will cost you more. That is the moral of Army reform deducible from the Estimates for 1905-6, issued yesterday. The total this year is £29,813,000—an increase of £283,000.

Amid a bewildering miscellany of facts, figures, and comparative tables there are statements of the variations of the numbers of the forces, explanations of the increases and decreases in the Estimates, the amounts provided for each arm of the service, and for various establishments, the amounts included for the Colonies and Egypt, and the net Army expenditure for ten years.

The following are the details that go to make up the total of £29,813,000:—

Pay of Army	£10,101,000
Medical services	482,000
Militia	817,000
Imperial Yeomanry	438,000
Volunteer Corps	1,220,000
Transport and Reprints	2,190,000
Stores and clothing	4,636,000
Ordnance establishments and general stores	838,000
Armaments and engineer stores	2,489,000
Works	2,529,000
Provisional establishments	130,000
War Office	545,000
Non-effective charges—officers	1,677,000
Non-effective charges—N.C.O.'s and men	1,673,000
Superannuation, etc., allowances	10,000
Miscellaneous	72,000

As compared with last year, the Army pay bill has increased £268,308. The increase of £27,660 in the cost of the medical establishments is attributed to an increase in officers necessary to provide the numbers required for field service and to increased provision for medical services generally.

There are increases of £529,610 in armaments and engineer stores, £247,600 on works and buildings, and £47,377 in the War Office and Army Accounts Department.

Among the decreases in departments the largest is £403,950, mainly due to the utilisation of surplus stocks of clothing brought home from South Africa.

### Example of the Navy.

In view of these figures the mind reverts to the recently-published Navy Estimates, where there was an immediate diminution in cost of upwards of three and a half millions and a contingent saving of six millions, while, at the same time, the Navy had been strengthened and brought nearer the standard of "efficiency."

With reference to the Army, the cost increases, but the fighting power, it is feared, palpably diminishes. In service clubs the squandering of money in a haphazard way on the Army is the perennial topic.

It is a sentiment in the nation that the Army, which cost £18,155,520 ten years ago, and now costs £29,813,000, is still far short of being organised for fighting.

"Millions," said an authority yesterday, "are annually wasted on a little better object than military vanity. We are fast forgetting the lessons of the war. Confusion and floundering exist everywhere, while a merciful Providence graciously keeps us at peace with European Powers."

### MR. SOUSA'S NAME.

March-King Explains That He Did Not Manufacture It.

"Mr. Sousa hates to spoil a good story," writes his secretary to a Bradford correspondent, "but he did not manufacture his name; he inherited it from his father, Antônio de Sousa."

"His name is not, never was, and never will be Sam Ogden; consequently he did not make the name Sousa by adding "U.S.A." to initials that never were his."

"He was not born at Dudley Hill in Yorkshire, nor ever will be."

Mr. Sousa derives his name from the ancient Persian city, Susa. Thence his ancestors went to Portugal, and his father emigrated to America, in the early 'forties.

### FLOODS AND GALE.

The Medway has extended its borders to the width of a quarter of a mile in consequence of the recent heavy rains.

Many roads are submerged, and between Penshurst and Tonbridge the land affected extends to thousands of acres. Farmers complain bitterly of damage done.

During the gale yesterday the steam collier *Swiftsure* collided with the battleship *Duncan* in Portsmouth Harbour, and both vessels were considerably damaged.

Mr. J. T. Spencer, a stockbroker, and formerly a member of the local town council, committed suicide at Halifax yesterday.

## CAGED IN PARIS.

Death of a Famous Journalist Who Survived the Great Siege.

By the death of Mr. John Augustus O'Shea at his residence in Clapham yesterday, after a long and painful illness, there passes away one of the most brilliant of the old school of journalists.

The witty Irishman's career was full of incident and hardship. Inheriting the journalistic instinct from his father, John O'Shea, the special correspondent of the "Standard," went through the Franco-German war, the Carlist campaign, and other expeditions. Everywhere his good humour made him popular.

At Metz he was nearly arrested, and once for talking French with an Irish accent was locked up, to be specially released by the Emperor himself. O'Shea was in Paris during the siege and his own account of what was endured there is a picture of a terrible experience:

I spent the four tedious months of the siege shut up in a penitentiary cage. I was half-starved, I knew what it was to eat horseflesh raw. I went into that cage a strong man; I came out of it haggard and hysterical, with pinched features, and a bodily constitution which still bears traces of the too heavy strain imposed upon it.

When quieter times came he almost entirely disappeared from the public eye. But the public could not easily forget him and he was in great demand for lectures reminiscent of his exploits as a war correspondent.

The later years of his life were full of suffering. He was struck down by paralysis, and unable to write or do anything for himself.

Chief among the good friends of the late war correspondent was Mr. Alfred Percival Graves, at whose instance a fund was raised and an annuity settled upon O'Shea. People of all classes gave cheerfully in aid of the man they loved.

### SOLDIER-HERO DEAD.

How Sergeant Hook Won the Victoria Cross at Rorke's Drift.

Sergeant Henry Hook, V.C., one of the heroes of Rorke's Drift, died at Gloucester yesterday.

Hook was an attendant at the British Museum for twenty years, and recently retired owing to ill-health, his Victoria Cross pension being increased to £50 by the War Office.

How he won the soldier's most coveted trophy is a thrilling story. Hook was in charge of seven patients in hospital, and, with another comrade,



Sergeant Henry Hook, V.C.

kept a horde of savage Zulus at bay whilst their charges were got away in safety.

Major Charles Cotton, late 3rd Dragoon Guards, also passed away at Haywards Heath, under circumstances which have necessitated communication with the East Sussex coroner.

Major Cotton, who was only thirty-nine, served with distinction in the late South African war.

### TAKING A BIRD FOR A WALK.

Frank Newbury, of Cromwell-road, took his finch with him to a public-house on Sunday and hung it on a nail. Henry Toll, a fellow-labourer, took it down and walked off with it.

At Highgate yesterday Toll was charged with the theft and remanded: the magistrates' clerk remarked that for men to take their birds for a walk was a common Sunday custom in that district.

Mr. Clyne did not appear to formulate his charges against the police at the meeting of the Manchester Watch Committee yesterday. A committee of investigation was appointed.

## MISS ELLEN TERRY.

Ladies Oppose Her Admission to the Lyceum Club.

### FIERCE DISPUTE.

Behind the dignified and calm exterior of the Lyceum Club for Ladies, in Piccadilly, a fierce war is being waged over the proposal to admit Miss Ellen Terry.

To the mere man and outsider it would seem that there is not a lady in the land better qualified than Miss Terry to be a member of a club of this character.

For, in order to qualify, it is only necessary to have published some original literary or black and white work, or be the wife of a man distinguished in literature or journalism.

There could be named a member of the club who qualified by writing one small paragraph in a fashion paper.

Why, then, should a small minority of the club committee oppose Miss Terry? Diligent inquiry elicits the information that the opposition is on some obscure technical point.

For the present, however, it is effective; and the majority, including all the members who represent literature, are intensely indignant at this gratuitous slight to the brilliant actress who for years has taken so great a part in Shakespearian drama.

### Other Actress Members.

Miss Terry's daughter, Miss Ailsa Craig, is already a member. Another actress member is Miss Annie Hughes.

The committee of the club includes Lady Frances Balfour, "John Oliver Hobbes," Mrs. Thomas Hardy, Lady Lugard, Mrs. Stanley Boyd, M.D., and Mrs. Oscar Beringer.

"The opposing minority are small and insignificant," said a member to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "And they are ashamed to declare themselves in the open."

"Actresses have already been admitted to the club, so that their objection cannot be sustained. But it will be all right, and in a few days Miss Terry will be welcomed—right royally."

### TAKEN FOR A LUNATIC.

Guardian Compelled To Take a Bath by an Asylum Attendant.

Mistaken for a lunatic, a well-known member of a board of guardians in North-East Lancashire has had an ignominious experience.

The guardian accompanied a relieving officer to the asylum for the purpose of placing a lunatic there.

He was left alone with the lunatic to wait. An attendant in due course came along. Without any ado he walked up to the guardian and asked him to get on the scales.

Astonished, but polite, that gentleman explained that not he but his companion was the lunatic.

Not astonished, but brusque, the attendant reported that he had heard many tales of that kind.

Eventually the guardian consented, under protest, to be weighed. But when he was conducted to the bathroom and told to take a bath he became indignant.

Uselessly, for he was warned that his actions were inviting severe treatment.

He had the bath. Soon after the chief attendant came on the scene and discovered the mistake. The real lunatic was all the while bubbling over with mirth.

### WOMAN IN WHITE.

Spectre Between Six and Eight Feet High Terrifies a Countryside.

That crockery should dance jigs on the dresser of a farmhouse kitchen and a farm-hand be given a ride in a barrow by unseen hands are sufficiently surprising incidents. They are alleged to have occurred at Bishopton, Lancashire.

From Barrow-in-Furness comes a far more astounding story. A "woman in white" between six and eight feet high brandished "an exceedingly large knife" over a scared farmer and vanished. The same apparition frightened two young women nearly out of their wits by "coming towards them" in a threatening manner. And every man, woman, and child in the district is titillated.

### PET DOG'S MARINE ADVENTURES.

The pet dog of Miss Gibbs, of Battle Abbey, which has for some time been voyaging to and fro across the Channel through the non-arrival of a license from the Board of Agriculture, was yesterday permitted to land by the Dover authorities. It will now be quarantined in a dog's home.

Among the visitors to Buckingham Palace yesterday were:—The Earl and Countess Roberts, Lord Chelmsford, Sir Frederick Treves, and Mr. Walter Long.

## ADDRESSES IN IRISH.

Post Office Perplexed by Weird Irish Characters.

Bean ni Ghábraim,  
Teac-osa da Priomhaideach,  
Rathdhar, an Chuaín,  
Kilronan.

This is the Irish method of addressing a letter to Mr. Thomas Murphy, of Kilronan. It led yesterday to Mr. Boland putting several questions to the Postmaster-General in the House of Commons.

It appears that the letter was delayed in delivery, which caused great inconvenience. Lord Stanley assured Mr. Boland that the address was incorrectly spelt and written.

The Gaelic League is bombarding the Dublin Post Office with parcels and letters addressed in Irish. The parcels have been sent back to the League to be redressed in English, but 4,000 letters addressed in Irish were duly delivered in Dublin last week.

A few letters addressed in Irish have passed through the London Post Office; they were handed to an expert to deal with.

The *Daily Mirror* learned from a high official at the General Post Office that the Post Office, which tries to deliver letters addressed in all languages, finds special difficulty with Irish addresses since the letters are entirely different from the English.

"If letters addressed in Irish continue to pour in," he said, "we shall have to legislate. Either we shall have to add Irish students to our staff, or refuse to deliver the letters."

### LUXURY IN SOAP.

Cakes at 10s. 6d. a Feature of the Chemists' Exhibition.

Covent Garden Theatre was breathing with perfume yesterday, as though rivaling the market itself in the month of roses. It was the British and Colonial chemists' eleventh annual exhibition, and the famous opera house afforded a banquet to the olfactory nerves.

The most expensive soap in the world, sold at 10s. 6d. for three cakes, is one of the novelties of the exhibition. It is called Royal Cour Floral soap, and is used at Buckingham Palace.

It is scented with the costliest perfumes, and each cake is wrapped in silk and gold leaf.

There are bewildering varieties of toilet articles, meat extracts, and photographic accessories.

One of the most interesting of the new drugs is Soparenalin, used, in different forms, as an anesthetic, a cure for hay fever, bronchitis, and asthma, as well as for certain skin diseases.

### KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD.

Brother of Alleged Highway Robber Tells a Strange Story.

Singularly soon after the outrage perpetrated upon him at Golders Green on Saturday, when he was robbed of £120, wages for men employed on a section of the new tube to Hampstead, for which he is one of the sub-contractors, Mr. Lewis has been called upon to appear in court to give evidence against men charged with being his assailants.

At Edgware Petty Sessions yesterday Robert Brown and William Marshall were remanded on charges of the robbery and assault.

With his head in bandages, Mr. Lewis told the story of the outrage, and of how he had picked Brown out from a dozen men at the police station.

The next witness, George Flits, said "Brown" was his brother. He had told him on Friday evening that he was going to attack the foremen of the tube works.

He begged him not to. On Saturday night when he came home he said: "I have done it. I hit him on the neck and then ran to Marshall's cart."

Then "Brown" laid out about £40 in gold on the tub, giving witness £2.

Prisoners were remanded until Wednesday.

### THAMES "WATER" MEN WANTED.

The Thames Conservancy Board was asked by one of its members yesterday to try to induce its lock-keepers to be teetotal.

A pensioner's death, due to drink, had the solitary situation of the lock-keepers' dwelling, combined with, a cumulative distaste for the very sight of water, appears to be the chief predisposing cause of occasional or perpetual bursts of intemperance.

### THE QUEEN'S JOURNEY TO-DAY.

The Queen leaves London this morning for Portsmouth, there to embark on the royal yacht for Epsom.

Her Majesty's special train leaves Victoria at 10.25. The Queen will be accompanied by Princess Victoria and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark.

## PEER'S SON AND JILTED LADY.

Coming Cause Célebre Due to a  
Broken Courtship.

## PARENTS OBJECTED.

Early next month a cause célebre of an exceptionally sensational character is expected to be reached in the High Court. It has already been placed in the list.

The gentleman primarily concerned, says a news agency, is the eldest son and heir of one of the best-known members of the peerage, noted alike for his business ability and practical philanthropy, and honoured with the intimate friendship of the King. He is also related by marriage to other members of the House of Lords, and to some late members of the Government.

A very keen sportsman, he is a member of several leading clubs devoted to sports, and also of the Carlton.

The second party to the action is a lady of much humbler social position, said to be considerably older than the gentleman. Notwithstanding this, she appears to have for some time possessed his regard, and even to have entertained the belief that he would some day make her his wife, disregarding the inequality of their position and the anticipated opposition of his family.

### Plead in Vain.

Much to her grief and disappointment the gentleman, with whom she had then been acquainted for nearly two years, suddenly announced to her that he was about to marry into a family even more illustrious than his own, and that the intimacy between them must at once come to an end.

Since that time she appears to have tried many different plans for meeting the man she had hoped to marry. Once, it is said, she presented herself at one of the most fashionable hotels in the neighbourhood of Mayfair, and upon a second occasion lingered expectantly for many hours where she could be seen from the windows of his residence, in one of the thoroughfares adjoining the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

In the meantime one of the chief ex-Scotland Yard officers was given instructions to watch the lady. Apparently his efforts did not result in anything of use to his employer being ascertained, and he was replaced by a lady detective, who seems to have achieved no greater success.

When the discarded lady was found to be too closely keeping guard at the gentleman's house, the police were communicated with and asked to take her into custody. They, however, declared the lady was not committing any offence of which they could take cognisance, and advised that a summons should be issued. This course was not taken apparently, and later on the present civil action was commenced.

### Church Disturbance Threatened.

Upon the very eve of the gentleman's wedding he was said to have been menaced by a lady who declared she had been badly treated, and who is alleged to have threatened that if some arrangement was not made before the wedding ceremony she would create a disturbance at the church.

The police were again approached, and a London magistrate asked for process. The request was refused, but some plainclothes officers were told off to guard the house where the prospective bridegroom was staying. Before the day appointed for the ceremony arrived, it was stated by the lady's solicitor that a settlement had been come to, notwithstanding which Scotland Yard officers were stationed at the church, with instructions to arrest anyone who attempted anything in the shape of annoyance.

Whether the lady of that incident was the one of the suit now listed is not quite certain; if she is she is not in the least likely to compromise matters on any terms short of those she herself chooses to dictate. These include, it is asserted, a personal interview with the gentleman, and the payment of a considerable sum of money.

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## PERILS OF THE PIT.

Landslide and Mine Ablaze Keep Thousands Idle.

The two calamities which occurred at the end of last week on the South Wales coalfield are in no wise diminished by the fuller details to hand.

Thousands of colliers were idle yesterday through the landslip in the Rhymney Valley, which began on Saturday. About 400 yards of the hillside is still sliding, slowly but constantly, and not only have the Abertysswg and Rhymney Collieries been affected, but the Brecon and Merthyr Railway is threatened.

Huge boulders bounded down from 600 ft. to 1000 ft. during Saturday afternoon, and striking the earth in a line of crags leaped over an embankment 7 ft. high, smashing the highway and the tube fence beyond the road.

Then they came to a strong embankment built behind some houses recently erected, battered this down, and gradually demolished the houses. After a time the hillside itself began to slide, and very soon damage had been done to the extent of at least £10,000.

It is feared that many days yet must elapse before the fire in the Cambrian Colliery at Glyndyfach Vale is mastered. The latest corrected list of "missing"—and there is little hope that any more miners will be brought up alive from the blazing pit—brings the probable total of dead up to thirty-two, while seven are seriously injured. Here 4,000 men continue idle.

Photographs taken at the scene of the disaster appear on page 1.

## MARQUIS OF SALISBURY,



Who has been appointed President of the Board of Trade in succession to Mr. Gerald Balfour.—(Thomson)

## BEER-BARREL AS TOY.

Singular Allegations Made by a Rector Against a Village Schoolmaster.

An extraordinary slander action is the outcome of differences between the Rev. John Morris, rector of Llanelidan, Wales, and William Charles Williams, schoolmaster at the same place.

The action, which is being heard at Chester Assizes, arises from a letter written by the rector to the Board of Education, in which the following allegations, among others, were made:—

Mr. Williams came into the parish church during matins, crying and with clasped hands, as if in an attitude of prayer. Nothing would satisfy him but a few words of prayer offered for him.

Some time back he put an empty beer-barrel outside the schoolhouse, which was made a plaything of by the school-children.

Counsel, in his opening speech, said that no fault had been found with plaintiff until his relations with the rector had become strained.

The rector had claimed the right of beating the school-children, which the schoolmaster disputed. In his evidence the plaintiff denied the accusations made in the rector's letter.

The hearing of the case was then adjourned.

## ENGLISH NOT SPOKEN TO-DAY.

Proud possessor of the good old English name of Smith, a motorist, of Wells-street, charged at Hayward's Heath yesterday with furious driving, saying he "couldn't speak English to-day."

As on a previous occasion, he had very fluently conducted his own defence in the vernacular, the magistrate fined him £25 and costs, and endorsed his licence.

Sixpence a week allowance for shaving, hair-cutting, and tobacco has been made by Poplar Guardians to the male inmates of the Alfred Bevan Convalescent Home, chargeable to the Poplar Union.

## MARRIED AT 17.

Two Weddings, Two Elopements, and Much Litigation.

## QUEER DIVORCE STORY.

A Divorce Court lawyer with a vigorous imagination had been told to sit down and invent a tangled matrimonial tale, it is doubtful whether he could have produced anything so romantically intricate as a story told to Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane in the Divorce Court yesterday.

The heroine of the story is a Mrs. Ford, who had already twice had her marriage annulled by the Court. She had also been the heroine of a "church-door parting" and of an elopement.

The other principal character of the story, Mr. Theodore G. Ford, her husband, has taken the male part in an elopement, too.

Around these elopements the strangest part of this strange story hangs. Husband and wife did not elope with one another; both elopements took place after they were married; and, in spite of the elopements, they are still, by yesterday's decision of the Divorce Court, husband and wife.

The following is the plot by which this remarkable state of things came about:

In 1889, when she was a girl of seventeen, Mrs. Ford married a Mr. William Douglas Stear at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington. She left him at the church door, and never lived with him as his wife. Marriage by "duress."

Six years afterwards she came to the Divorce Court and explained why she had adopted this extraordinary course. She had been told by her mother, she said that the ceremony was merely one of "betrothal." She had been forced into the ceremony against her will.

The Court took pity on her, and annulled her marriage with Mr. Stear.

So a second marriage, which she had contracted four years after the "duress" marriage, became good in law. She had married Mr. Ford in 1893.

A period of five years without further matrimonial complications followed, and then Mrs. Ford treated her second husband as she had treated her first. She left him and eloped with a Mr. Alexander Donald Barnard.

This happened in 1900. In 1904 Mr. Ford obtained a divorce from her on the ground of her elopement.

### Elopement on Elopement.

But yesterday it appeared that, while pleading one elopement as a reason for being freed from matrimonial ties, he had been guilty of another elopement himself.

In 1903 he had eloped with the mistress of the house which he had entered as a paying guest shortly after his wife went away.

He had taken his hostess, Mrs. Felgate, to Westcliff-on-Sea, and Mr. Felgate had met him in the City, had thrashed him, and had then got a divorce, making him co-respondent.

Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane, who was counsel for Mrs. Ford when she divorced Mr. Stear, decided that the divorce that Mr. Ford obtained last year must be rescinded on the ground that husband and wife have both been equally guilty of elopement.

## PEN-NIBS AS A CLUE.

Slender Proof of the Murder of a Shipwrecked Sea Captain.

Some pen-nibs and a revolver were the slender clues upon which proof of the death of Captain John MacDonald Blair depended.

When, on August 2 last, the steamship Baron Innerdale, of Ardrosson, was wrecked on the Arabian coast, Captain Blair, part of the crew, and a stowaway boy took to the boats.

Afterwards it was reported that they had all been murdered by the natives of an island on which they landed.

The Sultan of Muscat instituted an inquiry, and nine of the murderers were shot.

All that was found to prove that the captain had been one of the victims were some pen-nibs, which were the same as those he used, and a revolver that had belonged to him.

Yesterday Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane granted an injunction to presume Captain Blair's death. There were insurances on his life to the extent of £250.

## DISMISSED HIS SHIP.

"My condition was due to my leaving a warm room and going into a freezing atmosphere. Since an accident on the Illustrous I have suffered from severe headaches."

This explanation by Lieutenant Arthur P. Solfeet, of H.M.S. Resolution, at a court-martial yesterday at Chatham, of the circumstances which led to his being fined by the Rochester magistrates for drunkenness did not avert a reprimand and dismissal from his ship.

## BURGLAR MYSTERY.

Man Said to Have Shot Himself to Conceal a Theft.

Burglary after a new fashion seemed the motif of a remarkable story told in the Jarrow Police Court yesterday, when John William Davidson was charged with stealing £21, money his step-father held as treasurer to a temperance society.

Early in the morning his step-father, hearing an unusual noise in the house, ran into his stepson's room, which he found vacant.

He went downstairs and met Davidson, who complained that he had been shot in the arm by a burglar.

It was then found the money had disappeared from the room in which Davidson slept, and the police, who did not believe his story, discovered it hidden in the chimney of his room. They also found in his possession a revolver with two chambers discharged.

On this evidence Davidson, who made no statement, was remanded.

## BLOWN THROUGH A WALL.

Dust in a Tray Causes an Explosion of Gun-Cotton.

"I saw a flash, I was blown through the wall, and bricks were flying about in every direction."

In these graphic words, as his widow told the coroner yesterday, Henry Joseph Vickery described in hospital the explosion at Edmonton pegamoid works by which he met his death.

"Pegamoid," said the coroner, "is chiefly used for covering chairs and cartridge-cases."

Vickery was in the act of drawing out a tray of explosives from the drying-room when the explosion occurred, blowing the building to pieces.

It was stated by Captain Thompson, Chief Inspector of Explosives, that the tray contained a low form of gun-cotton. The accident was unique, there being no other case where a violent explosion had occurred with cotton of that quality.

It was probably caused by some dust under the tray.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

## HER FATHER'S HELPMATE.

Old Man Sobs Bitterly When His Young Daughter Is Sentenced.

There was a pathetic scene at Enfield Police Court yesterday when Florence Waller, a nurse-girl, sixteen, was charged with stealing a diamond ring.

The father, an old man, weeping very bitterly, said his daughter had always been a good daughter to him. His wife died five years ago, and since then the girl had acted as housekeeper, and, he added, "kept the home respectable and herself respectable, too." It was the first time she had ever committed a dishonest act.

The magistrates sent her to prison for seven days, and she was removed from the dock screaming loudly, while the old man left the court sobbing hard and in a dazed condition.

## ARRESTED IN MONTREAL.

Well-connected Young Man Brought Back from Canada Charged with Embezzlement.

Son of a gentleman who once held a high position in the Berkshire Constabulary, and himself not long ago living in good style, Albert Edward Pocock, a Reading house and estate agent, was brought up in the police-court there yesterday charged with embezzlement.

He had been brought back from Canada, where he was arrested after mysteriously disappearing from Reading last August.

There are six charges against him, three of forgery, two of stealing valuable documents, and one of fraudulently converting to his own use a cheque for £300.

For the convenience of the Treasury, who were not quite ready with the prosecution, the case was remanded till Thursday.

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## LAUGHING WITCH OF IOWA.

Sixteen-Year-Old Girl Who is Gifted with Second Sight.

## MARVELLOUS POWERS.

The witches of romance are usually old women, who have acquired second sight with their second childhood. But Anna Christie Miller, of Sioux City, Iowa, is a sixteen-year-old girl, endowed with marvellous psychic power.

For example, she can tell blindfolded the amount of a handful of coins caught up at random out of a well-filled till; she can make a table dance a jig, and fall into her lap, after piroqueting first on one leg and then on another; and she can tell the colour of the eyes and hair of a total stranger on the opposite side of the door.

### "Too Easy."

At school she always wins full marks in examinations, though notoriously negligent about her studies. "It is all plain before me when you give me the problems, just as if I read it in a book," she told her instructors when they suspected her of "cribbing."

The teachers planned a test by giving her problems far beyond anything she had been taught. She solved them accurately and instantly, and remarked with a quiet smile: "It is too easy."

Now Anna is in constant demand for entertainments in mind-reading. At a levee in the boarding-house she was requested to undertake some psychic experiments. A picture was put before her while she sat blindfolded. Her description of the work of art was correct in the minutest details.

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## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

King Edward has consented to open the new naval hospital at Chatham in May next.

Mr. Joseph Bilyeal, J.P., one of the principal English lace manufacturers, died in Nottingham yesterday.

Hest Bank (Lancashire) Golf Club has decided that in future Sunday play be sanctioned after one o'clock in the afternoon.

Harbour dues have shown a slight falling off, it was stated at yesterday's meeting of the Thames Conservators, owing to the stoppage of the Japanese trade during the war.

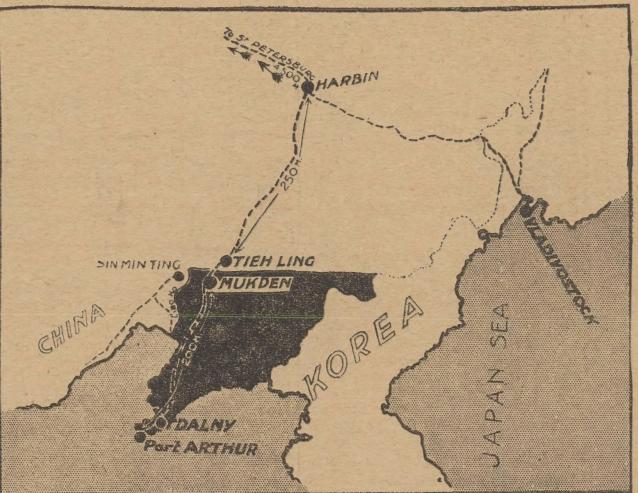
Many rich "finds," hitherto practically unknown, have resulted from the decision to open to-morrow, in York, an exhibition comprising some 1,200 pictures of the old city of great historical value and interest.

Thrushes have built their nest near the axle underneath one of the coaches on the Earl of Ellesmere's Worsley railway. The carriages travel nine or ten miles daily. There were three eggs in the nest, but two have been stolen.

A female ghost, "six feet in height, with repulsive features, and brandishing a knife," is said to have made an appearance at Barrow. A farmer and two young women claim to have seen the apparition, which "melts away" when interrogated.

Cheshire's record slaughter of dogs has called forth the comment of the Board of Agriculture. This body has pointed out to the county council that in three years 6,078 dogs were seized in Cheshire, of which 5,547 were killed, "a number very far in excess of those destroyed by any other county local authority."

### TERRITORY THE RUSSIANS HAVE LOST.



When war was declared Russia held sway over the whole of Manchuria. In the course of thirteen months' fighting she has actually lost the territory from Port Arthur to the north of Mukden.

In an excess of politeness a defendant at Gateshead Police Court prefaced his statement with "Excuse me properly, your worship."

When the Yarmouth Corporation took over the South Town and Gorleston tramway system from the British Electric Traction Company, a rocket was fired at midnight to celebrate the occasion.

East Yorkshire Yeomanry are now provided with a regimental riding-school, with stabling, armoury, and saddle stores at Hull. Social requirements have also been met by the erection of club premises.

Recent discoveries of gold in Western Ross have led to experimental works in the Scottish Highlands on the property of Sir Keith Fraser, Bart. Experienced miners from Wales have been engaged.

With the proviso that each competitor must be over sixteen, Miss Gee, of Denbigh, has offered to give five medals annually to the most faithful Sunday-school teachers and scholars in North Wales Nonconformist churches.

Absence of electoral enthusiasm has resulted in Gilberdyke being left without a representative on the Howden (Yorkshire) Board of Guardians until the next triennial election. On the death of the late member no nominations were received for his successor.

Many schemes for the utilisation of old British warships have been mooted. One suggestion is that they be fitted up comfortably and let off in apartments for the summer holidays. Life aboard a man-of-war for a fortnight or a month, even if the vessel were moored all the time, would be decidedly interesting.

Canes and sticks are not to be used by school teachers, says an order of the Wallsend-on-Tyne Education Committee, but "straps may be substituted."

"To prevent the reckless and inconsiderate driving of motor-cars" is the object of a Highways Protection League just formed in Warwickshire.

There is sometimes a difference of over 40ft. between high and low water at the spring tides in the Bristol Channel. These are said to be the highest tides in the whole of Europe.

Lichfield City Fathers have considerably decided to attend service at the Cathedral on Easter Sunday afternoon this year, instead of in the morning, so as not to disturb the communicants when they leave.

At Carmoney parish church, Belfast, yesterday, a curious wedding took place. The happy couple were John Robinson, eighty-five, and Matilda Moffett, seventy-seven, both members of the small farming class.

West Riding County Council will debate to-morrow the novel proposition that stipendiary magistrates be appointed for the West Riding of Yorkshire to travel in circuit. Alderman J. C. Rhodes will move a resolution to this effect.

Bounding the park at Tyntesfield, the residence of Mr. A. Gibbs, a few miles outside Bristol, is a famous holly hedge. On a bank 3ft. high, it extends by the side of the public road nearly two miles. In height it is about 4ft., with almost perpendicular sides, and an evenly-rounded top about 3ft. wide. A rabbit would find it difficult to penetrate the base.

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

Descriptions of the Principal Photographs in To-day's "Daily Mirror."

### THE RUSSIAN RETREAT.

The drawings reproduced on pages 1-8 were made from special descriptions cabled from the front, and will enable our readers to realise something of the horrors attending the Russian retreat from Mukden.

The Japanese cavalry, which has been consistently reported to be the least efficient portion of the Mikado's army, has been doing striking work during the pursuit, and has repeatedly cut up the columns of the vaunted Cossacks, which attempted to cover the precipitate retreat of the Russian columns. The picture on pages 8-9 was done from a description of one of these fierce encounters.

With the retreating columns themselves, for the most part, everything was confusion. The picture on page 1 gives a good idea of the scenes along the tracks by which the remnant of the mighty armies of the Tsar are attempting to make their way to Tieling.

### SPOILS OF WAR.

Vast quantities of stores of every description fell into the hands of the Japanese upon the abandonment of Mukden. It must be supposed there was not time to destroy them. Over a thousand carts of clothing, such as the one shown in the photograph on page 8, were among the captures. A large number of guns, of similar calibre to those which appear in another photograph on the same page, were also captured, as well as many heavier guns. The guns shown in the picture were taken by the Japanese shortly after the battle of Liao-ying.

### THE EARL AND THE MILLER.

An amusing photograph appears on page 9, showing Earl of Harrington arriving at a meet at East Bridgford, Notts, in a miller's cart.

It is his lordship's custom to go to the meets in his motor-car, and so he set out on this occasion, but the motor broke down at Radcliffe-on-Trent. But for the offer of a lift from a friendly miller Lord Harrington would not have arrived at all instead of turning up only an hour late, as he did. His arrival in so undignified a conveyance amused the field mightily.

### REVIVAL OF THE CRINOLINE.

Every now and again a revival of the crinoline has been threatened, but up to now the common sense of the majority of women has proved sufficient to nip the idea in the bud.

Now another attempt at the revival is being made, for it is said that fashionable women during the coming summer will wear crinolines like that in the photograph reproduced on page 9.

For a few inches below the waist the skirt is to be made tight-fitting, but beneath the outstanding effect should be to be produced by steel and whalebone. To attain the desired effect in a gown of light material, it is said that between 100ft. and 130ft. of wire would be necessary.

### THE "SANDOW" GIRL.

On page 8 will be found the portrait of a beautiful "Sandow" girl.

The old idea was that a beautiful woman had to be born, and could not be made, Sandow thinks differently, and has devised a system of development especially for the better half of creation, so that any girl may be enabled to gain those symmetric curves of beauty which make the female form divine indeed when they are present, and the easy carriage that is the first necessity of grace.

The photograph shows what the "Sandow" girl at her best is like—a model of physical development, beautiful because she is healthy, not because she makes use of artificial aids to cke out her own poor resources.

It has never before been so thoroughly realised how plastic a thing the human form really is, but now that it is beginning to be understood perhaps it will not be long before we shall have artists to make for us living statues whose beauty shall rival the marble miracles of Greece and Rome.

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## A HOPELESS STRUGGLE.

RUSSIA says she will not give way; she will not give up Manchuria. The Grand Dukes do not seem to see that she has given way already. She has been forced at the point of the bayonet and at the cannon's mouth to give way.

As a field force capable of resisting the victorious troops of the Mikado, the Tsar's army has ceased to exist. As soon as Marshal Oyama's men have rested after their labour, they can walk to Harbin in review order. With equal vigour the Far Eastern seas have been cleared of Russian ships. In reality, the present war is over, for the Japanese have accomplished, or all but accomplished, the task they undertook.

If Russia should persist in her pretensions to control the destinies of Manchuria, she will have to begin another war. She will have to mobilize another huge army on a war footing. She will have to organise enormous supplies, immense reserves of ammunition. She will have to find new guns to replace those which the Japanese have captured. She will then have to start at the top of Manchuria and fight her way step by step back to the bottom—to the Port Arthur Peninsula.

Who is there to-day who believes that Russia can do this? It is a task that might well appal a united, vigorous race, full of confidence and determination. A country torn by internal dissensions, dispirited, led by men in whom nobody puts any trust, can have no hope of bringing such an enterprise to a successful end.

Russia has been beaten. That is the plain fact. And if she embarks upon another war she will just be beaten again. Her only chance of ever getting on even terms with the Japanese is to spend fifty years in bringing herself up to date.

## LOVE ON A LEASE.

Mr. Plowden, the police-court magistrate, has often justified the truth of the poet's remark that "magistrates rush in where angels fear to tread." His latest exploit in this direction betrays him in an even bolder mood than usual.

He has just raised afresh one of those questions which most nearly touch the feminine heart. He has insinuated—no, it was more than insinuation, it was a point-blank assertion—that a woman can be really in love more than once.

In the course of some excellent advice to a silly girl who had tried to take her life because her sweetheart had proved false, he said she was evidently very much in love, but "you will be in love a hundred times more before you have finished."

If he had said this to a man no one would have questioned his reading of human nature. But to a woman! Can he realise that he is butting light-heartedly against the most cherished theory of the poets and romancers of all time?

"Once and for ever." That is the basis upon which our high ideal of woman's love has been built up. Girlish fancies there may be, tender thoughts that come to nothing. But a woman's heart once given is given for always; the fair blossom of her love once in flower can never flower again.

That, at all events, is the theory. Is it belied by experience, as Mr. Plowden would have us believe? Can women love more than once? Are their affections as variable as those of men? Have men been deluding themselves all these hundreds of years in regarding woman's love as a freehold? Is it merely let out on lease?

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Never wholly separate in your mind the merits of any political question from the men who are concerned in it.—Burke.

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA will start, it seems likely, in stormy weather to-day on her visit to King Carlos and Queen Amelia at Lisbon. Fortunately, the horrors of a sea voyage are reduced to a minimum for her Majesty, as are also the inconveniences of travel in other directions. Packing, for instance. The Queen and Miss Knollys personally superintend the packing of their own particular belongings. But the innumerable dresses, presents, and other things required for the visit are got together without worrying the Queen about them.

As to the royal yacht, it is a floating palace, with everything in it to cheat one into believing that one is on land. The Queen spends a good deal of her time writing letters or reading quietly in her bed-

As it is, those details have been almost as disgracefully mismanaged as our own were during the Crimean war. A Russian lady who has just come from St. Petersburg tells me a story which throws some light on this. A war correspondent now in St. Petersburg was invited the other day to dinner with an important military official. Every official in Russia has some fashionable fad, some hobby which is generally expensive and always useless. This man's hobby was boots. He showed the correspondent piles and piles of every possible sort of boot. Scarcely a day passed, he said, on which he did not wear a new pair! The correspondent realised then why whole regiments in Manchuria went, as he himself had seen, almost barefoot.

Speak to the Tsar of such details, and he will wave you away and remark: "Yes, yes, I know!" He spends most of his day now in receiving advice. He then mentally stores up the advice and

## HAS HE ANY ARMY LEFT TO COMMAND?



According to the "Times" correspondent in St. Petersburg, General Kuropatkin telegraphed on Sunday resigning his command of the Tsar's forces in Manchuria.

room. Here there are no bunks, no confined space, no low ceiling. The large, comfortable bed is clamped to the floor. So is all the rest of the furniture—the writing-table, the reading-table by the bedside, the large sofa at the foot of the bed. The cosy little room is lit by shaded electric lights. The Queen, who is almost fanatically faithful to old faces, old things, and old associations, at first regretted having to give up the old royal yacht, but the luxury of the new one has quite reconciled her to the change.

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It is rather surprising to hear that the King of Denmark has at last persuaded his daughter, the Dowager-Empress of Russia, to take refuge with him at Copenhagen. I thought that she would remain, in spite of all danger, at the centre of things, if only to join in the general Russian occupation of advising the unfortunate Tsar. The Empress will prove a rather inconvenient guest. She is far more obstinate, far more resolute and hot-tempered. She is a most agreeable person, and very cheerful. He is married to a sister of Lord Hylton. Mrs. Fellowes is a capital amateur actress, very much in request at country houses where they act. She has four sons, the eldest of whom is about twenty.

acts upon all of it. If some of it contradicts the rest, he gives each side a turn—the result being, as we see, chaos. My Russian informant tells me a curious story, which does not speak well for the Tsar's intelligence as a boy. When he was a child he went one day to his father and asked to see the Russian fleet. His father sent him to his uncle, the "chief of the navy." The uncle told the boy that he must go with him to Cronstadt and see it. "Why do you not show me here?" said the astonished child. "I suppose you have it in your pocket, have you not?"

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The Hon. Ailwyn Fellowes, who is to be our new President of the Board of Agriculture, is a very popular member of our House, although he has a stern expression, and stares at people rather alarmingly, as if he were determined to show them they were wrong! As a matter of fact, he can be very severe—that grumbling red-topitis may soon discover. But "in the intervals of business" he is a most agreeable person, and very cheerful. He is married to a sister of Lord Hylton. Mrs. Fellowes is a capital amateur actress, very much in request at country houses where they act. She has four sons, the eldest of whom is about twenty.

Most actors seem to have written tragedies in their younger days, and Mr. Martin Harvey, whose Hamlet we are shortly to see at the Lyric Theatre, composed a very remarkable one. It was a Greek tragedy, and was performed before the family, who were urged by a notice in the programme to refrain from laughter. They took it quite seriously, therefore, until the end, which was really too much for them. Mr. Harvey, after murdering all his characters in terrible ways, murdered himself at the end. He then reclined amongst the other corpses on the stage. Suddenly he remembered that there was no one to lower the curtain, so he had to rise from death and do it himself!

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Birth-day congratulations this morning are due to Lady Aberdeen, who was a Miss Marjoribanks, a sister of the present Lord Tweedmouth. The story of how she met her husband is a romantic one. Lord Aberdeen was staying at a Highland lodge, and he went out shooting alone one morning. By chance it happened that he crossed the boundary of the estate next to his host's. The owner, now Lord Tweedmouth, happened to meet him, and told him that he was trespassing. "Oh, no," said Lord Aberdeen, "I am the guest of Mr. A." "Very likely," said the stranger, "but you are now on my property." Lord Aberdeen was overcome with confusion and handed his card to the stranger.

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He was immediately invited to lunch, and at the lunch-party met his future wife. If he had not trespassed on my day, Miss Marjoribanks would probably not now be Lady Aberdeen. She is a very tactful and dignified person, and was a most successful vice-Queen of Ireland. She is, I believe, a Home-Ruler. She asked an Irish Judge, soon after she arrived in Dublin, if there were many Home-Rulers there. The Judge, with his best brogue, replied: "There's just yerself and the waiters, me lady." I have often thought, by the way, that the amusing first act in Mr. Barrie's "Admirable Crichton" was suggested by something he may have known of Lady Aberdeen. At any rate, she used to consider it her duty to dine with her servants once a week, and, for all I know, she may do so still.

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Miss Ethel Irving, who showed once more by her clever performance at the Stage Society yesterday that she has the making of a really great actress, began her career on the comic opera stage very early in life. Her parents, who used to take her a great deal to the theatre, noticed her taste for acting. So they had her taught "dancing and deportment," and she appeared first under Mr. George Edwardes's management, when she was only ten years old. Miss Irving has always been a great country-lover. She has a delightful old house at King's Langley, in Hertfordshire, and always spends her week-ends down there.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

## The Marquis of Salisbury.

THE latest changes in the Cabinet have made him President of the Board of Trade. In spite of his parentage and the fact that he is almost as near fifty as forty, he has not had much experience of office. He was Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs for three years, and has been Lord Privy Seal since 1903.

But he is a man of brains, even if he does sometimes speak without much thought. He rather annoyed our Japanese allies when he said, "We do not seek treaties; we grant them." Then, too, he made some rather inopportune remarks about France, which took Mr. Balfour all his time to explain away.

But his indiscretions are more the results of nervousness than anything, for, like all the Cecils, he can, when he remembers, avoid a dangerous topic with consummate tact. His nervousness also accounts for his manner of speaking. He blurts out his remarks in short jerks, like shots from a shotgun.

He did not learn it from the pom-poms in South Africa, where he served as a Yeomanry officer with distinction; for he did it before he went out, and his experiences of "roughing it" have, if anything, done him good. He is certainly physically improved by his experiences.

As he avoids publicity, and has no pronounced fads, he is not well known to the man in the street, and rather handicapped in public estimation by his great name.

He owns 20,000 odd acres, as well as a salary of £25 a year from the City of Westminster, as High Steward.

## IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 13.—Howling wind and driving rain have done little or no damage to the garden. The weather has remained mild and plant-growth still proceeds apace.

That beautiful spring bulb, "the glory of the snow" is now in full bloom. The large-flowered variety (*gigantea*) grows more than six inches high, having exquisitely lavender-blue blossoms. Only those who have seen it can realise its beauty.

The crown imperials are shooting up very quickly. Some people dislike their curious flowers, but a bold clump in full bloom has a very stately appearance.

To-day I have seen a bud on a gloire de Dijon rose. It was actually showing colour. E. F. T.

## KILLED IN THE COLLIERY DISASTER



One of the sixteen horses killed in the great Rhondda Valley colliery explosion being dragged from the pit head in a coal trolley.—(*Daily Mirror* copyright.)

## WRECKED BY THE GREAT EXPLOSION.



Wreck of the engine-room at No. 1 pit of the Cambrian Collieries Company, caused by the explosion.

## EUGEN SANDOW'S IDEAL BEAUTY.



Mr. Eugen Sandow, the authority on physical culture, believes that this lady's figure is perfectly proportioned. But while praising her so highly he states that with proper exercise the figures of many other women might be made equally symmetrical.

## JAPANESE CAVALRY CHARGING



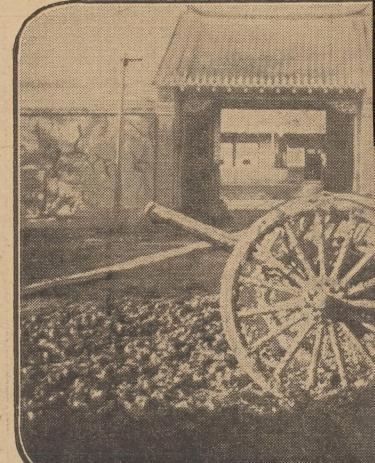
While the Russians held their entrenched positions around Mukden there was little opportunity for cavalry charged with

## STORES FOR KUROPATKIN.



Among the thousands of tons of stores arriving in Mukden during the last few weeks, the greater part of which has now been captured by the Japanese, were many such cartloads of cloth from Mongolia.

## RUSSIAN GUNS CAPTU



These guns were captured by the Japanese after they were at the time reckoned of

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS OF

## KUROPATKIN'S BEATEN ARMY.



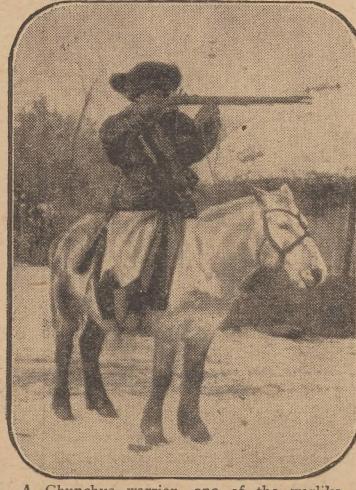
them any damage, but during their flight the Japanese horsemen came up with them at Santaisse and  
ble effect.

## BY THE JAPANESE.



Russian retreat from Liao-yang. Their capture  
utmost importance.

## HARASSING THE RUSSIANS.



A Chunchus warrior, one of the warlike nomads of Manchuria, in full war outfit. For months past men of this type have been harassing the Russians, and now they are accounting for many of the flying army.

## PEER IN A MILLER'S CART.



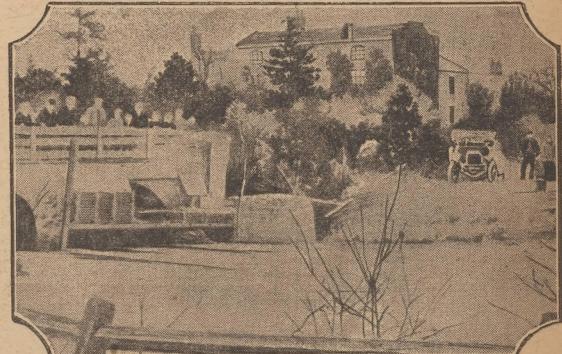
The Earl of Harrington generally rides to the meet of his hounds in Nottinghamshire on a motor-car, but on this occasion, his motor having broken down, he had to finish his ride in a miller's cart.

## RETURN OF THE CRINOLINE.



So much wire and steel is used in order to make the new spring skirts stand out from the figure that, as can be seen in the above photograph, the effect is like a revival of the crinoline.

## MOTOR-CAR'S PLUNGE INTO A RIVER.



As the motor-car, which belongs to a Mr. Challinor, of Hanley, was approaching a bridge over the River Trent something went wrong with the steering gear, and the car dashed through the wall into the river, which at this point is 20ft. deep. Miss Notley, daughter of a Devonshire vicar, was held down by the car and drowned, and Mrs. Challinor was with difficulty rescued from the water.



## STRIKE BREAKING.

James Farley, Who Lives by Fighting Street Railway Strikes.

Probably his profession is the strangest in the world—that of strike-breaking; but it is a paying one. He has broken the New York railway strike and been paid £10,000 for his work.

That is the largest fee he has been paid yet, especially as the strike was such a short one. At the big San Francisco strike he was paid £6,000 for the first month, and a month's wages for his men; but, as a matter of fact, the strike broke down directly he appeared on the scene with his men.

Just before he went to New York he broke a strike in Toronto in three weeks for a fee of £2,000. But, as well as his fee, he receives £1 a day for each of his men, and he does not pay them as much as that. Then, too, he receives a retaining fee from half a hundred tramway companies, just as a consulting solicitor might.

He boasts that he has never lost a strike, and that he has broken over twenty during the last three years. All of these are "street railroad" troubles—that is to say, tramway-cars and city railways, mostly electric—and he will not have anything to do with other businesses.

The essence of his system is that, all over the country, men are enrolled under his flag, ready to do any work in breaking a strike, ready to go to any point, and all picked men, capable of doing two men's work on the tramways and three men's work if it comes to a fight with the strikers.

## AFRAID OF NOTHING.

Farley himself is a man of iron nerves, afraid of nothing, and he has need to be, for his life has been threatened many times. In the Waterbury strike a couple of years ago the strikers seized two of his men, bound them, and laid them on the car-track, declaring that the first man who took out a car would have to do so over the bodies of his comrades. The strikers were desperate, the police demoralised.

Farley appeared, and demanded to know why the cars had not started. His men pointed to the track. With a cry of rage Farley rushed out, revolver in hand. His men followed, the strikers gave way, and in a few minutes the strike-breaker drove out the first car with his own hands.

Working immediately under Farley are thirty-five detectives, who, scattered all over the States, keep him informed of coming trouble, and he is always the first man to hear of an impending strike. Before the authorities have even had time to become suspicious Farley is preparing his men.

Next to his detectives come a band of between six hundred and eight hundred men, regularly paid and maintained, a little standing army ready to move to any point. Besides these men there are about forty thousand others ready to obey his orders when wanted.

His men live under a sort of benevolent autocracy. In peace he looks after them, sees that they are kept in home and food, interests himself in their private life. In war they are his men, and he is their general.

He took up strike-breaking because he is a born organiser, and was nearly killed by the strikers when "blacklegging" about ten years ago in Philadelphia. Since then he has been an avowed anti-unionist.

## A MAN IN A MILLION.

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Every day Vanna answered equivalently, and Joan showed no impatience. She merely repeated the question in the same quiet, gentle, obstinate way that one so often finds in people who have recovered from severe illness.

At last it maddened Vanna so that she had to speak. It was the first day on which Joan had been allowed outside the villa gardens. A carriage and pair was hired, because the doctor was afraid of the speed and vibration of the motor-car, and the girl was taken for a drive along the beautiful Corniche road.

When they came back, well before sunset, mother and daughter were alone at tea. Lady Betty having gone to visit some friends. And then it was that Joan asked her usual question, and Vanna cried vehemently:

"For heaven's sake, child, tell me why you ask that same question day after day? Why do you want to see Anthony Heron?"

"I have something to say to him," Joan answered quietly.

"What can you have to say to him?" cried her mother desirately.

"Something I very much want to say."

"Won't you tell me?"

"I can't, mother. It is something that came to me while I was ill, I suppose, for I had it in my mind directly I got better; and it is only for him to hear."

"But, Joan," urged her mother, "wouldn't it be too painful for you to see him? Remember what happened, what you said, what you thought!"

The girl shook her head.

"No, mother, I have forgotten everything but this one thing."

## THREE ACTRESSES.

Each Wins Golden Opinions in the Stage Society's Latest Production.

In "The Three Daughters of M. Dupont," given yesterday by the Stage Society, and to be repeated this afternoon at the King's Hall, Covent Garden, three clever actresses all contrived to make a distinct hit.

Miss Ethel Irving, as the daughter who longs to be married and finds when she is married that she has married the wrong man, showed once more that she has a very great talent. She changed with a naturalness from the society of girlhood to the fury of a woman cheated of her hopes of motherhood, and then, again, to the sombre resignation of a wife who apathetically accepts the downfall of her ideals.

As the daughter who finds working for her living and "doing religious" such a failure, Miss Italia Conti won the highest opinions, both for the sincerity of her acting and for not hesitating to make herself up to look really ugly and depressing.

Finally, Miss Gertrude Burnett, as the daughter who went wrong and bitterly warned the others against imagining there was any happiness for a woman in irregular relations, acted with convincing pathos and a rare charm of manner. There is certainly no lack of actresses on our stage, so long as it can show performances like these.

The piece was well acted throughout, especially by Mr. O. B. Clarence, who added another imitable portrait to his gallery of tiresome old men. In fact, the famous French author, M. Brieux,



MISS ETHEL IRVING.—(Ellis and Walery.)

could have found very little to criticise either in the performance or in the translation by Mr. St. John Hankin.

Yet, all the same, a good many people came away wondering what he meant by the play. His view of life, when he wrote it, must have resembled Ibsen's, who, when somebody said, "There are good potatos as well as bad ones," replied gloomily that the former had never come under his notice.

"The expert is quite wrong about pigs. I could tell him of several women who are at this moment keeping pigs profitably, and managing them entirely themselves."

"The only thing in which I agree with him is in the fact that there are certain details in dairy farming (not dairy work) which women cannot well deal with. But this is no reason whatever why women should be debarred from dairy farming, because on a farm managed by men or women there must always be a woman."

"You did not know," said Vanna brokenly. "You were a child. How could you? It has been years since I can see why it should have been allowed. But, Joan, my dear child, I want you to think and to remember and to consider well before you say that you want to see Anthony Heron again."

"I do, mother. I cannot explain to you. It does not seem to have anything to do with what happened before. I tell you, it came to me while I was ill; and I shall not rest until I have seen him."

After that Vanna took the earliest opportunity of speaking to Lady Betty. She was very serious indeed.

"It seems to possess her," she said, "this idea that she must see Tony. I cannot understand her. She won't explain; she won't tell me what is in her mind. She doesn't seem bitter; she doesn't seem to have any feelings at all. But she says she must see him."

Lady Betty answered, without the slightest hesitation:

"I cannot see that it would do any good, and it might do a great deal of harm. Wait, anyhow, and see if the idea does not fade from her mind."

She went over herself to Monte Carlo the next day, and visited Anthony Heron on board his yacht.

She was frightfully shocked by the change in him. It hurt her perhaps more than anything had done in all her life. But she forced herself to speak severely.

"Tony, you are playing a coward's game," she said. "I have come to tell you so. Why don't you go away? What is the good of staying here?"

"You know why I am staying, Lady Betty," he answered quietly. "I shall stay until I have seen her. You know that I asked her mother more than a fortnight ago to let me see her."

## MANCHURIA'S MASCOT.

The Black Stone of Mukden—Emblem of Chinese Rule.

Just beside the chief gate of the Imperial Palace of Mukden stands an insignificant black stone. It is nothing to look at, and one might pass it a dozen times without attaching any importance to it.

It is an ordinary shaft of black basalt, 18in. high, worn and old, and octagonal in shape. On each side of it is carved a figure of Gautama, now almost obliterated, and on two sides there are also inscriptions, now quite unreadable.

Yet this uninteresting-looking stone is protected from the weather by a special erection, some 6ft. high, the front of open wooden bars, and the whole surmounted by a Chinese roof.

This common shaft of stone, come from Heaven knows where, is venerated by the Manchurians in that strange way which some stone always seems to be in most nations—as the obelisk at Milan, or London Stone itself.

This stone is to the Manchurian race the mascot and talisman of their Imperial position, and the legend runs that, when the Chinese dynasty loses possession of the Black Stone of Mukden, it will lose the throne of China as well.

The old belief takes on a serious meaning at the present moment, for it seems inevitable that Chinese power shall be at least swayed, if not directed, by the victor of the present war.

The possession of Mukden and its Black Stone by the Japanese may fulfil the legend.

## WOMEN AS FARMERS.

Lady Who Has Tried Agriculture Says It Is a Most Suitable Occupation.

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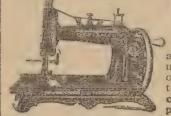
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## THE BRIDE IN THE KITCHEN.

## CATERING FOR AN INVALID.

Positively one day I thought my immaculate Martin was at fault, when I uncovered a large basin in the larder and found it full of untempting-looking scraps of fat. "Here," I thought, "is waste at last," and I called her to give an explanation. "Pieces of fat wasting, ma'am? Ought to have been given away? Oh, no, they have been saved for

## CLARIFIED FAT.

It is that which is bringing down the lard and butter bills." And I felt decidedly quenched, and humbly stood by to learn the process. I was told that any pieces were available for it, cooked or raw, beef, mutton, or pork.

They were cut up roughly, put in one of the shabby saucemaps with enough cold water to just cover the pieces, and the whole was then quickly boiled without a lid on the pan till all the water had evaporated. It was easy to tell when this happened, as the melted fat became as clear as the best olive oil, the scraps of skin remaining cased in bubbles like butter-fried bacon. It stopped bubbling, too, and became quite still. Careful stirring was needed, especially near the end of the clarification. Then, when partially cooled, the liquid fat was strained into a basin, the scraps being carefully pressed.

The result next day was a large bowl full of beautifully white, firm dripping. This can be used for pastry, plain cakes, frying, and so forth. I do not wonder doctors say so much about "Kitchen physic." I am morally certain my husband would never have got over the influenza as well as he did if I had ordered, much less cooked, his meals.

Martin was away for a couple of days when the attack first came on, and I, with many misgivings, prepared the beef-tea ordered. I must own the patient did not seem to like it, and the doctor did not express surprise when he tried it.

As it is such an important item in invalid cookery I have given below the clear instructions I received later for its preparation.

I well remember one specially dainty dinner served for my husband, one which was repeated several times. It consisted of a steamed sole, chicken cream, and port-wine jelly, with just a few perfectly fried potato chips.

I always saw to the tray myself, so that the cloth was spotless, and the glass and silver as they should be. I ought to tell you that Martin also served as much as possible, small shapes of puddings, jelly, and so on, enough for one portion not merely helping it out of a large mould, as the former appear infinitely more appetising to a sick person.

## BEEF TEA.

INGREDIENTS:—One pound of lean beef, one pint of cold water, salt.

Remove all fat from the meat, then, with a very sharp knife, scrape it into thin fibres. Put the

This graceful spring gown is made of Havana brown velvet upon the collar. The sweeping coat-tails are a feature of the model.

## A MAN IN A MILLION.

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"And Mrs. Tempete wrote and told you that she could not allow it," Lady Betty put in. "I advised her to."

"I know. But Joan was very ill then. She is much stronger now. Lady Betty, why are you so cruel? Think, if you were to be separated from the person who is dearest to you on earth, without whom you knew the rest of your life would be a blank, and you were not even allowed to see that person once before you went your different ways—and that person had been very near to death? Would you not be then that unnecessarily cruel?"

"Tony, I shall one day lose patience with you altogether," said Lady Betty. And her voice was harsh, because it caused her such acute pain to see him so ill and so bowed down with sorrow. She would rather he had raved and upbraided her; there was a quiet hopelessness about his manner that was terrible to her, remembering him so careless, so dominant, so irresistible, a born master of men. "Will you go away?" she added. "I have come here to beg you to go."

"Not until you take her away," he answered. "You will never be allowed to see her. Her mother thinks just the same as I do. Remember, Tony, the girl nearly died, and I were the cause—direct cause—of her illness. How could it do her anything but harm to see you? She is really only just convalescent. The sight of you could only bring back terrible memories. Tony, I implore you to go away! Think of yourself. You are a young man; you have all your life before you,

scraped meat as you do it into a basin containing the water and half a teaspoonful of salt. Let this stand for one hour, when the juices will be extracted from the meat, leaving the meat nearly colourless and the water a bright red. Next put the meat and water into a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Put the jar either in a cool oven or on a cool part of the stove, and let the contents simmer very gently for about four hours. It must on no account be allowed to boil. Strain it through a coarse strainer, pressing the meat well. Season it to taste with salt and pepper, if the latter is allowed. Be careful to remove the slightest suspicion of fat from the top with a piece of kitchen paper.

## STEAMED SOLE.

INGREDIENTS:—One sole, fish sauce.

Skin and fillet the fish. Wash and dry the fillets. Roll them round your finger. Then put them in a dry jar. Place the jar in a saucepan with boiling water to come half-way up it; put a piece of butter



You are throwing it away. You must have been neglecting a thousand things all this time, wasting money and opportunities and your health and strength. Can't you pull yourself together? Are you going to ruin your life because of this? We will call it what it is—a tragedy. But it is not of your making, nor of hers. It is sheer weakness to cry over a thing that can't be mended. A man accepts the inevitable, and goes his way."

If I went my way now, Lady Betty, he said, with quiet intensity, "I would go to the bitterness and hatred and rage in my heart, and I would make the world pay for it. I know how well you mean, but even you do not understand. You did not imagine anything could have such an effect on me; neither did I. The mainspring of my life is broken."

There was nothing for Lady Betty to do but leave him. Her mission had been in vain. She went sadly, feeling that the whole thing was beyond her understanding, and beyond her skill to mend.

The days passed, and the doctor began to report that Joan was not gaining strength as he had expected, judging from the first days of her recovery. Her actual bodily health was almost completely restored, but she seemed to gain no energy. She expressed no wish to do anything but lie on a couch in the sun. She did not even want to read; she expressed no wishes of any kind whatever, and was quite content to do everything that she was told. She seemed to have lost all taste for the things natural to a girl of her age; she did not want to go about, or dance, or drive; and when, one day, Lady Betty brought some girl friends of hers over from Cannes to see her, she was so patiently indifferent, though she did her best to be polite, that the visit was quite a failure.

paper across the top of the jar, and the lid on the pan. Let the water boil steadily for ten minutes. Arrange the fish on a hot plate, and strain over it a little good sauce. Shrimp or egg sauce look particularly appetising, or if plain white sauce is preferred, sprinkle a very little coriander pepper or chopped parsley on each fillet, to give it a delicate touch of colour. This is a better method than boiling, as none of the goodness and flavour of the fish escapes into the water.

## CHICKEN CREAM.

INGREDIENTS:—Four ounces of raw chicken, one egg

and one extra white, half a gill of cream.

The breast of the chicken is best for this dish. Cut it up small. Then pound it in a mortar. Beat up the egg and work it into the chicken; pour the mixture again, season it carefully with salt and pepper, then rub it through a wire sieve. Beat up the white and the cream separately; then add to the mixture first a little white of egg, then a little cream, until all are mixed in. Thickly butter some small cups or dariole moulds and put in the mixture. Twist a bit of buttered paper lightly over the top of each, and steam them gently for twenty minutes. Turn the creams out carefully, and serve with them some well-flavoured white sauce.

## PORT WINE JELLY.

INGREDIENTS:—One pint of port wine, one ounce of leaf gelatine, two ounces of loaf sugar, half an inch of cinnamon, one clove, cochineal.

Put a little of the wine in a saucepan with the gelatine, sugar, cinnamon, and clove, and stir it over the fire till the gelatine is melted. Strain these into the rest of the wine, and if necessary add a few drops of cochineal to improve the colour. Rinse out some small fancy moulds in cold water, pour in the jelly, and leave them till set. Then dip the moulds into tepid water and turn the jellies out carefully.

## A PRIZE AWARD.

The prize of 5s. in response to the query, "How to Use Half a Pound of Stale Cheese," is awarded to Mrs. Wrend, Trowbridge, Gloucester, for the recipe which is printed below. Specially commended are the recipes of Miss J. Senn, Killarney, Trinity-road, Tulse Hill, S.W. 1, and Miss G. Jackson, The Bar House, Beverley.

## TOMATO PAUPIETTES ET SAUCE DU FROMAGE.

First grate the cheese finely, then take five or six well-shaped, firm tomatoes, wipe them carefully and remove the insides, being careful not to injure the shape of each tomato. Now put three ounces of the shredded cheese into a basin, add a little cayenne pepper, a little salt, and a pinch of savoury herbs. Mix this with the inside portion of the tomatoes, adding only sufficient to bind it into a stiff paste. Now fill the tomatoes, pressing the mixture well down. Leave a little heap on the top of each, sprinkling this over with a few browned crumbs. Cook in a moderate oven until the tomatoes are soft. For the sauce take one ounce of grated cheese, a couple of tablespoonsfuls of flour, pepper, and salt as desired, half an ounce of butter, and a little milk. Mix the cheese, flour, pepper, and salt; rub in the butter, mix it with a little milk, then stir it with hot milk. This sauce may be either poured over the paupiettes or served in a sauce-boat as convenient.

## ANOTHER PRIZE.

Spinach is now in season, and is usually a somewhat unappetising vegetable, so a prize of 5s. is offered for the best recipe for cooking spinach and particularly in such a way that the dish may be

It was just about this time that the doctor asked Vania whether she did not know of anything that would rouse her daughter.

It almost seemed to me that she has something on her mind," he added doubtfully. "But I suppose that is impossible. However, if there is anything that would give her pleasure it ought to be done."

Vanna's mind was in a turmoil. She thought of that one thing that the girl wanted—that one impossible thing. If the doctor could know and understand, she reflected miserably, he could not advise it, even though Joan might appear to have lapsed into this state of lethargy because this one thing was denied her.

She had not asked her mother in so many words for some days to send for Anthony Heron, but Vanna knew in her heart that this was the one thing that would satisfy her.

She wavered, and spoke to Lady Betty, but again she was met with the unhesitating answer:—

"I am convinced it would do harm. They must not meet. Have patience, my dear; she is not really strong yet. In time she will forget. Is there no one you could ask out here—no one she likes? Some bright, vigorous young person who would take her out of herself?"

"There is Billy Charteris," said Vanna, her eyes lighting up with a ray of hope. "She used to be very fond of him."

"Write and invite him. Tell him it is very important that he should come. Lose no time about it," said Lady Betty imperatively.

Two days later Vanna received a telegram to say that Billy Charteris would be with them early the next morning.

(To be continued.)

served as a course alone. Competitors, who should write on postcards only, may send in their contributions up to the first post on Monday morning, March 20, addressed the Woman's Page, *The Daily Mirror*, 12, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C.

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